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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

On page 6, line 23, please delete "have not been described in the literature nor", and insert --are not described-- in place thereof.

On page 6, line 27, please delete "in this study", and insert --by Klinke et al.-- in place thereof.

On page 29, lines 4, 5, and 6, please delete the two sentences "The start codon "ATG" and stop codon "TGA" are indicated in capital letters. The two sequence discrepancies observed in the PCR product are indicated in bold capital italic letters."